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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Daniel W. Howell

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11,12,15-19,25,26,29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13,14,20-24,27 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/032823.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3-26-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 11, 12, 15-19, 25, 26, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rattaro et al (5,722,647) in view of Japanese 57-194808. Rattaro et al shows a vertically moving drill head holding bit 28 and a removable lens holder/plate 12 movable laterally on guide 3. The holder 11 has two clamping levers 20 for lenses L. Regarding claim 18, figure 5 shows a spring 24 which presses clamps 20 elastically against the lenses. See the paragraph bridging columns 2 and 3. The clamps grip the lenses with ring 18 made of rubber or synthetic rubber-like material, which constitutes a cushion of soft material. Rattaro et al lacks a drill head which can be inclined to either side. Figure 2 of Japanese '808 shows a drilling device having a drill head 28 which is movable up and down and a curved guide 24 to permit the drill head to be inclined to either side. The drill head 28 is mounted on a guide 26 which swivels on the base 12 about the horizontal axis perpendicular to the intersection of the X and Z axes shown in figure 2. Workpiece 1 is mounted on a cross slide having carriages 22, 20, which move in perpendicular directions in order to adjust the workpiece as desired. While not explicitly shown, the conventional spindle screw/nut arrangement for moving the carriages 22, 20, and a distance scale on slide 22 are considered to be inherent in Japanese '808, as these items are notoriously conventional. As seen from the workpiece 1 in figure 1, the machine may be used to drill holes H1, H2, in a single operation. It is considered to have been obvious to have provided Rattaro et al with a pivoting drill head as shown by Japanese '808 in order to permit the drill

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head to be pivoted to drill holes of desired inclinations in the two lenses held by the lens holder

11. It is also considered to have been obvious to have provided Rattaro et al with the cross slide system shown by Japanese '808 in order to permit a greater range of adjustment of the workpiece location relative the drill bit.

3. A period should be inserted at the end of claim 18.

4. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The support having high friction of claim 29 does not have antecedent basis.

5. Claims 13, 14, 20-24, 27, and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Any inquiry concerning the content of this communication from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Howell, whose telephone number is 571-272-4478. The examiner's office hours are typically about 10 am until 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington, may be reached at 571-272-4483.

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